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# Trooper Hill

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## Marines Make Mechanics

**Story and Photos by Sgt. Tom Cox**  
*314th Press Camp Headquarters*

Take two high performance Busch Grand National race cars, add 30,000 Scouts and an opportunity to earn the Auto Mechanics merit badge, and you get one very exciting day for the Scouts.

Throw in about a dozen highly-motivated Marines and a NASCAR pit crew trainer to supervise the whole thing and you've got a packed daily event in the Merit Badge Midway area. More than 200 Scouts signed up each day for the two-hour class, spurred on by Team Rensi's gleaming Busch Grand National Circuit cars, driven by David Donohue.

"It's been great over here," said Staff Sgt. Jerry Embry, a recruiter from Louisville, Ky. "Some of these kids really love cars and know a lot about racing."

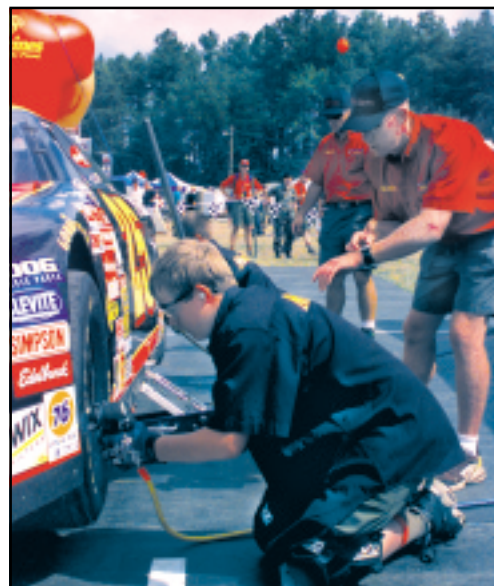
The Marine instructors, all volunteers, had the Scouts sound off with a loud and vigorous "Oo-rah!" at the beginning and end of each class.

Scouts went through 10 different stations, learning about everything from checking oil level to changing wiper blades to how engines work.

Chrysler loaned the Marine Corps two 2001 model vehicles for the merit badge testing, a Chevrolet Impala and an Oldsmobile Premiere van. Scouts looked under the hoods and climbed underneath each vehicle to look at shock absorbers, suspensions, brakes and fuel tanks.

To earn the Auto Mechanics merit badge, Scouts must complete all ten stations and pass a written test. With boys and cars being a natural fit, Marines had no spare time on their hands.

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**Nathan Town, Scout from Troop 535, Mont., removes lug nuts from a tire on Team Rensi's No. 25 racecar. Timing him is Gunnery Sgt. Ellen Becker.**



**Spc. Thomas F. Herring, III, aircraft refueler with Charlie Co. 2nd of the 126th, fuels the tank of a Huey helicopter.**

## Delaware Guardsmen keep 'em fueled and flying high

**Story and Photo by Spc. Briana G. Wright**  
*319th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to put gas in a car, but it does take the expertise of a group of National Guardsmen to keep helicopters filled up and ready for lift off at the National Scout Jamboree.

A group of soldiers from the Delaware National Guard are here in support of all rotary aircraft involved in the jamboree. Their mission is to keep the fuel coming.

"When they drop, we fill them," said Spc. Thomas F. Herring III, aircraft refueler with Charlie Company 2nd of the 126th Aviation Battalion.

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# Rec center offers relaxation

**Story by Spc. Jeff Keown**  
372nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

A ping-pong ball flies, out of control, into the foot of a stationary soldier. At the same moment, a loud crash sends pool balls chasing each other around the green felt of a slate table. The "Rec Center" is open for business.

During the 2001 National Scout Jamboree, the Community Recreation Division has expanded their offices to include a facility in the Wilcox Camp for soldiers supporting the Jamboree.

The main facility, located in building 106 near post headquarters, is equipped with free weights, an indoor basketball court, nautilus machines, pool tables, ping-pong tables, a swimming pool and outdoor recreation equipment rental.

"It's nice to have a place like this to come and relax after a hard days work," said Chief Warrant Officer Steve N. Bernard, a pilot with the 121st Medical Company, Washington, D.C. "We usually hang out in the rec center at the main post, but we were driving by here today and decided to stop in."

The location of the Wilcox facility has attracted many into the air-conditioned building to watch television, play video games, or shoot a game of pool.

"My building at Wilcox is right next to the rec center," said Sgt. Geoffrey N. Kirby, crew chief with the 121st Medical Company, Washington, D.C. "It's great to live so close to the televisions."

The offices of the CRD at building 106 are staffed year-round. They offer lake-side cabins, cottages and a lodge for rent, all available throughout the year. They also have canoes and boats for rent.

"We opened the recreation center at the Wilcox Camp for the Jamboree. We haven't tried this before at previous Jamborees. The main center here at building 106 is open year-round," said Pamela A. Neal, chief of the Recreation Division at the Community Recreation Division here.

The staff members are all civilian employees. However, they all have a great deal of experience working with the military.

"I like dealing with soldiers," said Neal. "I realize that I wouldn't be able to do half of the things I'm free to do if it weren't for guys and girls in BDUs."

"I spent six months in Bosnia as a volunteer dealing with recreation. It was a great thing to do," said Neal.

"I love the laid-back atmosphere here at the recreation center," said Brenda J. Peyton, recreation assistant at the CRD. "I've been working here for 14 years."

The ability to unwind after a tough day dodging boy scouts and dealing with the blistering sun is a necessity. Thanks to the CRD, military personnel at the Wilcox Camp now have that opportunity close at hand.



Photo by Spc. Jeff Keown

**Sgt. Geoffrey N. Kirby, a crew chief with the 121st Medical Company, Washington, D.C., lines up a combo at the Community Recreation Division Building here.**

## Safety Thoughts

- Men who engage in horseplay display little horse-sense.
- It's better to wear a helmet than a bandage.
- Safety affects your earning power- think it over.
- Drive carefully- don't insist on your rites.
- Drive as if your family were in the other car.
- For that run down feeling, try jay walking.

## Trooper Hill

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Photo by Cpl. Holly M. Arnold

**Spc. Jacob P. Lucus, 683rd Engineering Detachment, 81st Reserve Support Command, Pascagoula, Miss., talks to Scouts about fire fighting tools.**

## High-tech PIC to replace dogtags

**Story by Sgt. Eric C. Barker**  
300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

What if there was a device small enough that you could wear it around your neck like a charm and it contained information that could someday save your life? Would you wear it? Doggone right you would!

Scouts visiting the medical area in the popular Army Adventure Area are able to look at the Army's new dog-tags, called a Person Information Carrier (PIC). Scouts crowd around the PIC display to learn what all the fuss is about, asking, "What's so important about little PIC tags?"

The PIC is a small, portable, large-capacity storage device that contains demographic and medical information pertaining to the service member who is wearing or carries the device, according to Maj. Catherine Beck with the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center (TATRC), Fort Detrick, Md.

The PIC enables the capture and delivery of a wide array of data types including images, sound, movies, objects, databases, or hundreds of pages of text, said Command Sgt. Maj. (retired) Curtis W. Callender the project officer for TATRC. "It was derived from the front line medic. To make information available at the lowest level," said Callender.

PIC was created by presidential directive in 1997.

## Volunteers all fired up

**By Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer**  
314th Press Camp Headquarters

There are those who volunteer, and there are those who *volunteer*. The Jamboree Fire Department, which goes by the motto "The best never rest," loves the jamboree so much the crew actually paid money to be here to help.

The firefighters have been on over six calls already. They work 24-hour shifts in order to be on top of any problems that may arise. During each shift, there is one soldier assigned from the 81st Regional Support Command to give a hand.

"We've had about seven runs in the past several days," said firefighter Gregg Sablic. Sablic is the International Representative for Theodore Roosevelt Council in Long Island, New York. The staff on-call Thursday afternoon responded quickly when two Scouts from Subcamp Six were struck by lightning. The injured Scouts were transported to Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, where

they are both recovering.

Less serious incidents included a propane leak, an instance of smoke in the air and various EMS runs, said Sablic. Other responsibilities of the team will include "standing by" when the president comes, in case they are needed. The crew is also trained in helicopter evacuations.

The other volunteers, all civilians, say they are happy to be here.

"This is awesome," said Paul Rouse, a volunteer from Chattanooga, Tenn. Rouse loves the way Fort A.P. somehow "sprung" from into a live city. Rouse, who has 25 years of service with the Chattanooga Fire Department under his suspenders, said he likes showing the Scouts the emergency equipment and he gets a kick out of allowing them to try on the uniforms. The Scouts are also permitted to view the inside of a HMMWV firetruck and the firehouse.

The volunteers also hand out much-needed water and Gatorade. The running joke around the firefighters is that they give the Scouts "orange-flavored water," which is just Gatorade watered down from melted ice.

That delicious Gatorade keeps the Scouts coming back to the firehouse for more of a good thing.



Photo by Sgt. Eric C. Barker

**Capt. Stuart Cohen, microbiologist, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick, Md., explains the PIC system to Scouts.**

The PIC allows individual medical data to be assessed and updated by medical personnel when real time connection to a database is unavailable.

"As a retired soldier who spent over 30 years in the Army. I think it's one of the greatest advancements I have ever seen," explained a reflective Callender. "If as a soldier in Vietnam I had been injured, I would have been treated with penicillin as many were back then. There is no way the attending combat medic would have known I was allergic to the antibiotic and it could have possibly killed me."

# Marines add own special note to jamboree



Photo by Sgt. David Lomax

**Marine Cpl. James M. Perry, (center) trumpeter for the Parris Island Marine Band, Parris Island, S.C., performs at the International Stage here during daily flag raising ceremony.**

**By Sgt. David Lomax**

*300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

The United States Marine Corps has a long history of sacrifice, fidelity and commitment to our nation.

It was therefore fitting that a unit representing this rich heritage, the U.S. Marine Corp Band from Parris Island Recruit Depot, performed Friday at the International Stage area located at A.P. Hill Drive and Thomas Road here. The band performed for the daily flag raising ceremony at the 2001

National Scout Jamboree.

Each member of the band displayed the military bearing and poise which is the hallmark of a Marine. Each member was painstakingly dressed; every uniform perfectly pressed and fitted.

Each member showed great enthusiasm as they entertained an audience of Scouts, dignitaries and representatives of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies with a variety of patriotic and popular musical selections.

The band is conducted by Warrant

Officer Robert A. Szabo, director and officer-in-charge. "I've been assigned to my present position since May 30, 2000, and in the Marine Corp for thirteen years," said Szabo. "I came up through the enlisted ranks, starting as a private, with my last enlisted rank being staff sergeant," he said. "I'm responsible for all military training in addition to band rehearsals," he said.

Szabo said the most gratifying thing for him leading the band is getting to do something he loves.

"I get to lead a bunch of musicians that are professionals. They are militarily proficient as Marines and they are great musicians," said Szabo. "It's a privilege to stand up front and listen. It's awesome," he said.

"I auditioned for the band while I was in college," said Marine Cpl. James M. Perry. "I played trumpet in high school. My best friend was in a Marine band in North Carolina and he talked me into it. We're now in the band together," he said. "Once I got accepted, I completed three months of basic training, one month of combat training and six months of music training. I've been in the band for two years and the corps for two and a-half," said Perry.

The most challenging thing about being in the band is the schedule, he said.

Outside of our primary mission the band does approximately four or five performances a year, said Perry.

"What I like most about being a band member is the diversity. I like knowing people from all over," said Perry.

Perry said he'd like to tell any young person watching the performance to do something you love.

"I play trumpet and I get paid to do it. What could be better than that?" said Perry.

## Refuelers: from the front page

According to Sgt. Ken Butler, aircraft refueler with 2/126, their 16-hour days are filled with refueling Huey helicopters that have done tours, air drops, and trips made by Medevac units.

According to Butler, 5,000-10,000 gallons of fuel are used a day during the jamboree compared to 2,500 per day on normal days.

The 209 gallons of fuel it takes to fill a Huey lasts about 2.5 hours, said Maj. Robert A. Sullivan, officer in charge of the operation from Alpha Company, 3rd of the 126th Aviation Battalion.

Their expertise is not an inherited trait. They had to attend a six week fire school where they learned about the flammability of fuel, the contaminants, how to test for water and sludge, and the quality of fuel.

"You have to make sure it's of a higher grade before you can put it into the aircraft," said Herring.

The jet-powered fuel (JP-8) they use is similar to kerosene and is not as flammable as gasoline. It should not be used in cars because it is harder on engines than regular gas.

"It would probably burn up your engine or burn up the rings to

your pistons. It's just not healthy to put this in a car," said Herring.

Because of the potential hazards of working with fuel, these soldiers always put safety first. Some of the things they do are keep their sleeves down, wear goggles and leather gloves when they're fueling, and make sure the aircraft is grounded from static that could cause fires. There is also a fire extinguisher on board at all times in case a worker were to catch on fire.

Using common sense is also important, said Herring. "It's like working with gasoline. You're not going to go pour gasoline onto something hot. You have to be careful with what you're using," he said.

The aircraft refueler's mission is one that other missions are dependent upon.

"We are the backbone of what's going on because without the fuel they can't fly," said Butler.

So the next time you see a helicopter in the sky, think about the soldiers that helped to get it up there.



Photo Spc. Yves-Marie J. Casimir

John N. Brown (left) and Gary Nordmann (right) prepare to greet distinguished jamboree guests at the headquarters visitor's station.

## Vet sees more action at ninth jamboree

By Spc. LaTorry D. Sidney  
300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Maybe they're not leading troops anymore, but you can find several prior service military members marching on and supporting Scouts at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree here, this week.

Prior service members, including John N. Brown, former Army Signal Corps cryptographer, have come out of the woodwork to support a common cause.

Thousands of people have gathered here to make Fort A.P. Hill the seventh largest city in Virginia. A jamboree of this caliber is nothing new to Brown who has been involved with scouting for the past 40 years. As a youth, Brown's dedication helped in his successful attainment of the highest honor found in scouting, becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 17.

"It was a very rewarding experience," said Brown, on his childhood achievement. "All of my values came from Scouting, that's why I'm still involved."

His visit here marks his ninth jamboree, including 1971's World Jamboree in Japan.

Because he's been a long-time dedicated participant, Brown has held many impressive positions at these events. Since the jamboree was brought to Fort A.P. Hill in 1981, Brown has worked as a scoutmaster, the vice-chairman of food distribution, and currently as a Special Guest / Hospitality receptionist. This has allowed him to meet and mingle with many of the jamboree's military dignitaries and other guests.

Together these guests and Brown sometimes share their common military stories and experiences. Before becoming an elementary school teacher, Brown explored several different jobs. But his most memorable experiences stemmed from his two years spent in the United States Army.

During his career as a soldier, Brown was able to travel throughout Europe.

"I had a wonderful time in the Army. I had the chance to see a lot, which was very nice," said Brown. "Some of the things I learned were courtesy and consideration. It also helped me to develop a solid sense of spirituality."

Brown's career choices have always revolved around helping children and serving his country. Through his work as a elementary school teacher, he helps positively influence the lives of many youth. As a jamboree Scout volunteer, Brown makes sure that jamboree guests are welcomed and most importantly have a good time.

As far as the people and the structure of scouting goes, "there have been a lot of changes," said Brown. But thanks to Brown and other prior service military volunteers like him, the core values of scouting still remain the same.

## Beware of Tick Habitat Areas

### Word Search

### Jamboree 2001

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# Naval Captain revisits scouting



Photo Spc. Yves-Marie J. Casimir

**Roy Williams (left), chief scout executive National Scout Jamboree, and former Scoutmaster Tom M. Eden (right) greet Navy Capt. Bill Goodwin (center), commanding officer, USS Ronald Reagan as he visits the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.**

**By Spc. Yves-Marie J. Casimir**  
210th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

In the words of Shakespeare, "Parting is such sweet sorrow." But parting isn't always permanent, nor does it mean the end of a beautiful friendship.

After 34 years, Capt. Bill Goodwin, Commanding Officer, USS Ronald Reagan, was reunited with his Scout Leader, Tom M. Eden, July 27, at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

Eden also served his country as a former Navy commander. During his 23 year military career, he was able to volunteer his time to scouting. As a WWII and Korean War veteran, Eden was able to instill the shared military and scout values into his scouts.

In 1964 Goodwin joined Troop 30 in Auburn, Al., which was led by Eden.

Scoutmaster Eden said, "Bill Goodman was one of those (scouts) that always was there when he was needed. He always did what he was told to do, and was a leader at a very early age."

While under the guidance of Eden,

Goodwin attained the highest honor in scouting, by becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 14.

"I knew then he was going to be very successful in life," said Eden.

And successful he has been. Goodwin has become the commanding officer of the USS Ronald Reagan, a new aircraft carrier being built in Newport News, VA.

"The military and scouting have common values, it's a perfect match," said Roy Williams, Chief Scout Executive, National Scouting Jamboree. "They're trying to build young men and women, and so are we."

**"There's no better proving ground for what a young person can eventually do than Scouting. They can learn everything in Scouting that can help them on their road to success."**

*Tom Eden*  
Scout Leader and former Navy Commander

"There's no better proving ground for what a young person can eventually do than scouting. They can learn everything in Scouting that can help them on their road to success," said Eden.

During his visit Goodwin was able to tour the different sites, as well as mingle with scouts, leaders, civilians and other servicemembers.

"I love being able to give back to scouting," said Goodwin. "And today, I'm giving back."

## Quartermasters deliver support

**Story by Sgt. David Lomax,**  
300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Even the world's tallest most spectacular buildings will lose stability and crumble without the hidden support structure underneath. The same can be said for the behind-the-scenes support that has been given to soldiers and volunteers who perform various jobs in support of the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

Soldiers of the 85th Division, the 335th and 611th Quartermaster, Fort Sheridan, Ill., are toiling long and grueling hours to support soldiers and volunteers with supplies and laundry service to make their living conditions more comfortable.

"We have been working two twelve-hour shifts from 0630 – 1900 and 1600 – 0000," said Sgt. Andrea R. Hawkins, 85th Division, and day shift noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

"We have been preparing for the NSJ and the arrival of soldiers and volunteers since June 11," she said. Since arriving here, we have issued linen, personal hygiene supplies and have a free laundry service for Army Battle Dress Uniforms," said Hawkins.

Thus far, linen has been issued to over 538 soldiers and volunteers, and 267 sets of BDUs have been laundered, she said.

Hawkins, said BDUs could be dropped off at Headquarters

Support, Building 1632, in the Camp Wilcox area, each evening between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. There is a two to three-day turn around and the turn-in times are not subject to change, she said.

Linen can be exchanged at anytime and additional blankets can be obtained on an as needed basis, said Hawkins.

"Although we haven't been able to see any activities at the NSJ since we've been here, we get the greatest satisfaction from supporting soldiers," she said.

"The people we interact with have been very polite while dropping off linen or BDUs", said Spc. Kim Lofland, 611th Quartermaster.

"This hasn't been too bad", said Spc. Yvonne F. Bynum, also of 611th Quartermaster. "My MOS is laundry and bath so this duty is much easier than what I'm used to in the field," she said.

"So far, we haven't had any problems or complaints," said Hawkins. "General Broadwater brought a set of BDUs in for service and was very complimentary of the results, she said."

Harris said she could be reached for questions about service at (517) 633-8683.

No building can stand without solid support. The supply soldiers, who are behind soldiers and volunteers here at the NSJ, have shown that strength is built through solid support.

# The Information Board

## July 29, 2001

*Cannon, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.* Daily Ceremony

*USAF ACC Brass Quintet, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.* Daily Ceremony

*82nd Airborne Chorus, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.* Daily Ceremony, **3 to 3:30 p.m.** Army Adventure Area and **10:09 to 10:23 p.m.** Arena Show

*85th Division Band, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.* Heth Dining Hall, **12:30 to 1:15 p.m.** Longstreet Dining Hall and **5:25 p.m.** Northeast Region

*214th Ground Forces Band, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.* International Stage and **5:10 p.m.** Southern Region

*319th Army Band, 1 to 2 p.m.* Army Adventure Area and **5:50 p.m.** Central Region

*Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, 2 to 2:30 p.m.* Stage Show, **4 to 4:30 p.m.** Army Adventure Area and **6:10 to 6:30 p.m.** Arena Show

*USAF Stars Jump Team, 3 to 3:30 p.m.* Stage Show and **5:50 to 6:10 p.m.** Arena Show

*Army Balloon, 5:15 p.m.* Arena Show

*Navy Atlantic Fleet Band, 6 p.m.* Western Region

*USMC Drum and Bugle Corps, 6:30 to 6:50 p.m.* Arena Show

*USAF Dixie Players, 6:50 to 7:10 p.m.* Arena Show

*Herald Trumpets, 7 to 8 p.m.* Arena Show

*The United States Army Band, 7 to 8 p.m.* Arena Show

*The Armed Forces Color Guard, 7 to 8 p.m.* Arena Show

*U.S. Navy F-18 Flyover, 7:30 p.m.* Arena Show

*Crossfire Rock and Roll Band, 8:01 to 8:30 p.m.* Arena Show

## July 30, 2001

*Cannon, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.* Daily Ceremony

*85th Division Band, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.* Daily Ceremony, **12:30 to 1:15 p.m.** Heth Dining Hall and **3 to 4 p.m.** Army Adventure Area

*319th Army Band, 9 to 10 a.m.* Army Adventure Area and **12:30 p.m.** International Stage

*214th Ground Forces Band, 11a.m. to Noon* Army Adventure Area, **1 to 2 p.m.** Stage Show and **9 to 10 p.m.** Arena Show Party

*U.S. Coast Guard Drill Team, 11 to 11:30* Stage Show, **1 to 1:30 p.m.** Army Adventure Area and 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Stage Show

*85th Division Band, 7:30 to 9:15 a.m.* Daily Ceremony, **12:30 to 1:15** Heth Dining Hall and **3 to 4 p.m.** Army Adventure Area

*Crossfire Rock and Roll Band, 7:15 to 9 p.m.* Stage Show

## Important Times

**DFAC ... Wilcox**

Breakfast ... 5:30 to 8 a.m.

Lunch ... Box lunch picked up at breakfast

Dinner ... 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Swing Shift ... 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**PX ... Wilcox**

Monday through Saturday ... 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday ... 2 to 7 p.m.

**SICK CALL ... Wilcox**

Daily ... 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Swimming Pool ... HQ Area**

Monday through Friday ... Noon to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday ... 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Remember to  
DRINK WATER!!!**

# CAP volunteers teach aviation badge

By Pfc. Casandra M. Bolton  
372nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

It was the early sixties when retired Lt. Col. Glen L. Davis, Sr., last participated in a National Scout Jamboree.

"It definitely is bigger than what I remember," said Davis, a senior functional analyst of logistics for a company called Sverdrup located in Triangle, Va. "Now that I am participating in the support of the jamboree I have a different aspect and perspective."

Now forty odd years later, Davis returns to the NSJ but with a different mission. He is now the commander of the jamboree support for the Civil Air Patrol.

"The Boy Scouts made me successful. They gave me that base for leadership and values," said Davis.

The members of the Civil Air Patrol are strictly volunteers. Most of the volunteers are pilots that came in to help with the Air Force Merit Badge.

"We have people who have traveled as far as Western Maryland to South Carolina. There are about 10 pilots a day and one chief flight instructor (CFI) to teach the aviation merit badge, to do the oral and written testing, and to do the interviews," said Davis.

"To earn the Merit Badge," explained Davis. "First you have the two hour class with all the general information, then they get a checklist and then they have to seek out a pilot and a CFI and so forth, write a couple of reports, do interviews with the pilots, and then they do a written and an oral test."

"The four primary functions of the mission are radio support to the Air Force, aviation merit badge support, the F-16 simulator in the Learning for Life Center located in the International Area, and the Air Force Experience which is the F-16 display and the 50 ft. road trailer, that has a briefing room and six simulators," said Davis.

The cadets meet once a week at the National Guard Armory in their hometown.

"I met a recruiter at school, and I went to the meeting," said Cadet William C. Whiteside, Civil Air Patrol located in Fredericksburg, Va. "Now, we go flying, ride on gliders, go on search and rescue missions and we train very hard with first aid and the Red Cross."

"I was in Boy Scouts until I was a freshman in high school," said Capt. David L. Duncan, Jr., squadron commander in Monticello Composite Squadron located in Charlottesville, Va.

"Then in my junior year in high school I found

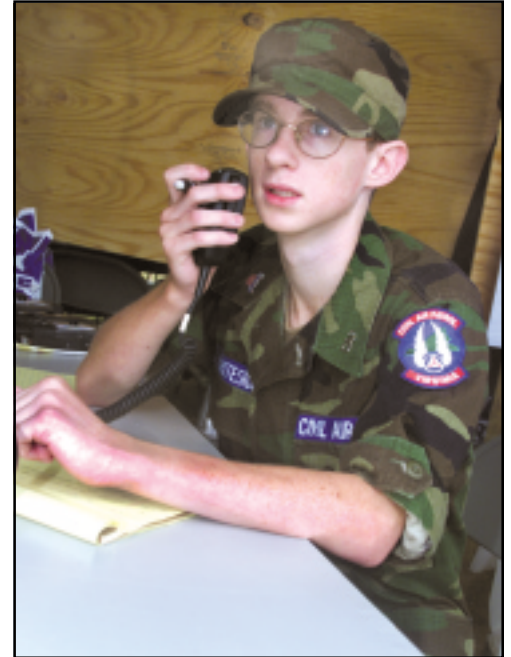


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**William C. Whiteside, Virginia Civil Air Patrol cadet, uses the communication radio to put out messages to other Air Force service members.**

out about the Civil Air Patrol. I joined CAP in 1988 and have been a member since," said



**Scouts check out No. 25, the Marine race car, which they got a chance to work on as part of their test for the Auto Mechanics merit badge.**

## Marines: From the front page

"We have been swamped with Scouts wanting to look at the cars and talk to us about them," said Gunnery Sgt. Ellen Becker, an operations chief from the 4th Maintenance Battalion, Charlotte, N.C. "But when they find out they actually get to work on a race car, they really get excited and want to sign up for the class."

By far the most popular event was the last station: working with a loud air wrench and removing lug nuts from an actual NASCAR racecar. Scouts donned a pit crew shirt (with Marine logo on the back, of course), ear plugs and goggles and were timed by Marine sergeants who urged them on to faster times.

"This was so cool," said Bryan Town, Scout from Troop 935, Mont., one of the many Scouts who sweated under Friday's beating sun to master the heavy air tool. "I love racing and I can't wait to tell my friends that I got to work on a real race car."

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